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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
NASHUA ARTS COMMISSION

January 10, 2017

City Hall room 208

Members in attendance: Tracy Hatch, Mitzi Barrett, Judy Carlson, John Egan, Bonnie Guercio, Paul LaFlamme, Tina Cassidy, Marc Thayer, Lindsay Rinaldi.

Absent: Alison Bankowski, Donna Metzger

Also present: Amy DeRoche NAC Admin, Cheryl Linder Nashua Silver Knights, Karen Wolfe NISS, Shaunae Nolet CAN

Called to order: 8:03 am

1. Minutes: Motion was made by Mitzi and seconded by Judy to approve both the November and December minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

2. Silver Knights: Cheryl Linder from the Nashua Silver Knights presented information on the Art Banner Project at Holman Stadium (see attached document below). She reported that they are currently looking for funding sources and overall support of the project.

Motion was made by Lindsay and seconded by Judy to recommend approval of the proposed Holman Stadium Art Banner Project. Motion passed unanimously.

3. NISS: Karen Wolfe distributed a list of the proposed sites for this year's sculpture symposium. The NISS is making a recommendation of 4 new potential sites. The Nashua River Rail, Legacy Playground, Downtown Sidewalk, North Common (see attached document).

The NAC would like to develop criteria for accepting new sites. Tracy also stated that the NAC is not the final word on approving the sites. That all the proper channels need to be followed with the correct city departments.

Motion: The following motions were made for the NAC to lend it's support to the potential NISS sites.

Nashua Rail Trail: Motion to accept made by Paul and seconded by Judy. Motion carried 9-0 in favor.

Legacy Playground: Motion to accept made by Judy and seconded by Marc. Motion carried 9-0 in favor.

Downtown Sidewalk: Motion to accept made by Marc and seconded by Judy. Motion carried 9-0 in favor.

North Common: Motion made by Mitzi and seconded by Tracy to exclude this site for the time being. Motion carried 6-3 in favor.

4. New Business: Shaunae Nolet from CAN came to request that the NAC be involved with the upcoming Meri Goyette Luncheon. She would like the NAC to help them select individuals who will be nominated for their awards and to plan on attending the event. The Luncheon will be on 3/26 at Sky Meadow.

Motion to adjourn made by Marc and seconded by Tracy. Carried unanimously.



HISTORIC HOLMAN STADIUM

ART BANNER PROJECT

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Objectives:

- Produce two art banners of Don Newcombe and Roy Campanella to be displayed on the supporting stanchions of the Sky Box at Historic Holman Stadium
- Educate/publicize background of Holman Stadium as the home of the Nashua Dodgers in 1946, the first racially integrated baseball team in the United States.
- Engage the community in supporting and working on the project
- Enhance Nashua's vibrant arts scene

Project Background:

- Originally the project was conceived as two murals, one of Newcombe pitching a ball, and the second of Campanella ready to catch the ball, painted on the two stanchions on either side of the main entry into Holman Stadium.
- Due to the fact that Historic Holman Stadium is on the U.S. Register of Historic Places, painting a mural anywhere on the facility was ruled out. However, according to the Parks and Recreation Department, non- permanent banners can be placed anywhere in the facility, can be easily stored during the winter months, and have the possibility of being changed out over time.
- Because we want this to be a community project, we are planning, with the help of City Arts Nashua, to publicize a Call for Artists to propose designs and when selected, create the two works of art which will then be produced as approximate eight by ten foot banners. Because of the historical significance of the project, we are hopeful that one of the Nashua high school or middle schools would be interested in participating in the project.

Historic Significance:

According to a NPR broadcast on June 16, 2010 by NPR host Neal Conon and Steve Daly, author of “Dem Little Bums”:

CONAN: And in 1946, almost everybody remembers that the Brooklyn Dodgers sent Jackie Robinson to their Triple-A team in Montreal with plans to break the color line in Major League Baseball the following season. But Jackie Robinson wasn't the only African-American signed by the Dodgers that year.

DALY: No, he wasn't. Nashua played its role into the integration of baseball with the arrival of Don Newcombe, the pitcher, and the Hall of Famer catcher Roy Campanella. Both of those players were embraced by the city, fit in well with the team, obviously. They had a very successful team, won the championship that year. And they were, as I said, embraced by the team and the city and just felt very much at home.

CONAN: Branch Rickey, the then general manager of the Dodgers, of course, he - those days, the major league teams had much more extensive minor league systems than they do even now - but looked around to find a place where he could bring in African-American players and realized that was not going to be Georgia.

DALY: That's true. The first option that they looked at was a team in the Three-I League out in the Midwest. And the president of the league had told Buzzie Bavasi and Branch Rickey, if you send them here, we're going to shut the league down. They just had absolutely no interest in having those players there and dealing with any kind of racial overtones or any kind of unrest among the fans and the people that were there, as well as the players. So Nashua was kind of a place that they ended up as - in default. They had nowhere else to go. So Nashua - you know, the mayor and the business manager of the team welcomed them in and had no problem having them come in here.

Project Management:

Holman Stadium Art Banner Committee

- Cheryl Lindner, co-chair, Nashua Silver Knights Assistant General Manager and Community Relations Director
- Ronnie Wallace, Nashua Silver Knights General Manager
- Brian Anderson, Nashua Silver Knights Ticket Manger
- Nick Caggiano, Superintendent, Parks and Recreation, City of Nashua
- Judith Carlson, Nashua Arts Commission, CEO Carlson Consulting Group
- City Arts Nashua representative
- Other volunteers to be recruited

Budget and Funding:

- Budget to be developed once artistic design is selected
- City Arts Nashua is the fiscal sponsor for the project, facilitating tax deductible donations
- Committee will identify and pursue funding resources

Timeline:

- January: Finalize committee members and identify funding possibilities
- February: Call to Artists with help from City Arts Nashua, selection of Artist and Design
- March: Select Artist, finalize budget, begin fundraising
- April - May: Continue fund raising, complete two works of art, produce banners
- April - May: Possibly seek comments from the Nashua Board of Public Works
- Installation of banners by Parks and Recreation at Silver Knights game

Cheryl Lindner, Assistant General Manager

Holman Stadium Art Banner Project

Nashua Silver Knights Rev 1: 12/1/16



Nashua International Sculpture Symposium

Opening Reception: Thursday, May 11, 2017

Closing Ceremony: Saturday, June 3, 2017

Proposed Sites

* Nashua River Rail Trail ~ Southwest Quadrant including Lovewell's Pond Area

Accessible by Main Dunstable, Buckmeadow and Ridge Roads

Presented to and approved by the Nashua Conservation Commission with
the possibility of installing all three sculptures throughout this area.

* Legacy Playground at Labine Park ~ Cleveland Street

Approved by Nick Caggiano at Nashua Parks and Recreation

Nashua Riverwalk ~ between Jackson Falls Condominiums and Margaritas: approved

Mine Falls Park ~ 2 approved sites... Mill Pond area and Mine Falls Boat Ramp
(one sculpture per year only)

Sullivan Park ~ Bowers Street

Approved by Nick Caggiano, Discussed with June Caron (alderman Ward 7)

Neighborhood meeting needed

Foster Square ~ Corner of Lock and Orange Street

Previously approved

* Downtown Sidewalk Bump-out Flower Bed

Planting bed in front of 146 Main Street

* North Common ~ Sargent Avenue, Ok'd by Nick, request neighborhood meeting